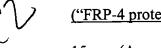
## In the claims:

Claims 1-4; 6-14; and 16-20 (withdrawn).

Please amend claims 5 and 15, as follows:

5. (Amended) A method of reducing phosphate re-absorption in a subject comprising delivering to the subject an effective amount of (FRP-4) a mammalian frizzled-related protein-4 ("FRP-4 protein").



15. (Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the (FRP-4) frizzled-related protein-4 ("FRP-4 protein") protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.